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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: LOCOMOTIVES SALES TO PAKISTAN RAILWAYS.

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1. PAKISTAN RAILWAYS CHAIRMAN ABDUL QADIR TOLD ME ON JULY 24 THAT HE HAD TRIED TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT FROM GENERAL MOTORS (GM) TO SELL PAKISTAN ANOTHER 150 LOCOMOTIVES IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS. GM REPRESENTATIVE J.L. ROSE THOUGHT IDEA GOOD ONE, BUT WHEN HE CHECKED WITH GM OFFICE, FOUND COMPANY UNWILLING TO SIGN AGREEMENT.

2. QADIR SAID HE PUSHED VERY HARD TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT FROM GM, AT LEAST IN PRINCIPLE, AND TOLD ROSE HE WOULD NOT ARGUE ABOUT PRICES. APPARENTLY THIS DID NOT SATISFY GM. QADIR ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING U COULD DO TO PUSH GM. I TOLD HIM I SUSPECTED CURRENT STEEL SHORTAGE AND OTHER POTENTIAL PROBLEMS MADE GM RELUCTANT, BUT PROMISED TO PASS HIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF MAGNITUDE OF POTENTIAL SALES OF LOCOMOTIVES TO PAKISTAN, NOT TO MENTION SPARE PARTS, REQUEST DEPARTMENT EXPLORE WITH GM WAYS IN WHICH QADIR'S REQUEST MIGHT BE MET. PLEASE ADVISE.

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